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Sapper W. J. Davis joined the Corps
on 14.3.16, is allotted Corps No. 1981 and
is posted to Engineer Company.

ENGINEER COMPANY.

Greenwood Barracks from 17th to 31st
March is posted on the notice board at
Headquarters for information of all con-
cerned.

PARADES.

Parades for Thursday, 16th instant:-
7.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. - Members of
Signalling Section and other Signallers,
as detailed in Signalling Section order
dated 8.12.15 - Morse flag and Morse
lamp practice at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. - Special drill for N.C.O.s of
Sappers Co. at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. - Recruits of all units - Squad
drill and Rifle exercises at Headquarters
under Sergeants Longmore and Ramsey and
one N.C.O. from Right Section M.G. Co.

DETAIL.

On duty until morning of 17th instant:
H.K.V.R.

On duty 17th instant: Right Section
M.G. Co.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

COMMENDATION.

P. C. 168, Mok Lai Sang of the Hong-
kong Police Reserve is commended by the
Capt. Superintendent for his plucky conduct
in effecting the arrest of an armed robber
who had committed a robbery at 39 Gage
Street on the 23rd January 1916 and the
recovery of a part of the stolen property.

HONOURABLE MENTION.

The Hon. Mr. D. Landale has presented
"Harry" to this detachment.

PLATOON PARADES.

No. 2 Co. (3) will parade at St. Joseph's
College on Thursday, March 16th, at 5.30
p.m.

Other parades as previously notified.

CHURCH PARADE.

All ranks of No. 2 Co., including the
Band, are required to attend the Procession
of the Cross at the Roman Catholic
Cathedral on Sunday 19th March. Fall in
at Central Police Station at 4.30 p.m.
sharp.

Uniform, Helmets and Spikes. No arms
to be carried.

Catholic members of the Police Reserve
not belonging to No. 2 Co. who wish to
attend may do so by arranging with Chief
Inspector D'Almeida.

NOTICE.

In order to permit of No. 2 Co. attending
Church Parade on this date the attendance
at the Range will be as follows instead of
as previously notified:-

Leave Blake Pier 9.0 a.m. - No. 2 Co.

Leave Blake Pier 11.30 a.m. - No. 3 Co.

Leave Blake Pier 2.30 p.m. - No. 1 Co.
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RANGE PRACTICE.

Friday, March 17th at 8.15 p.m. sharp.

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Paid-up Capital \$2,437,500

II - Reserve Funds \$3,337,047

III - Life & Annuity Funds \$1,667,590

Sinking Fund Account \$28,230

\$23,970,367

Revenue Fire Branch \$2,381,455

" Life and Annuity 1 2,141,593

Revenue Marine Department \$37,233

Other Receipts \$78,940

\$2,389,228

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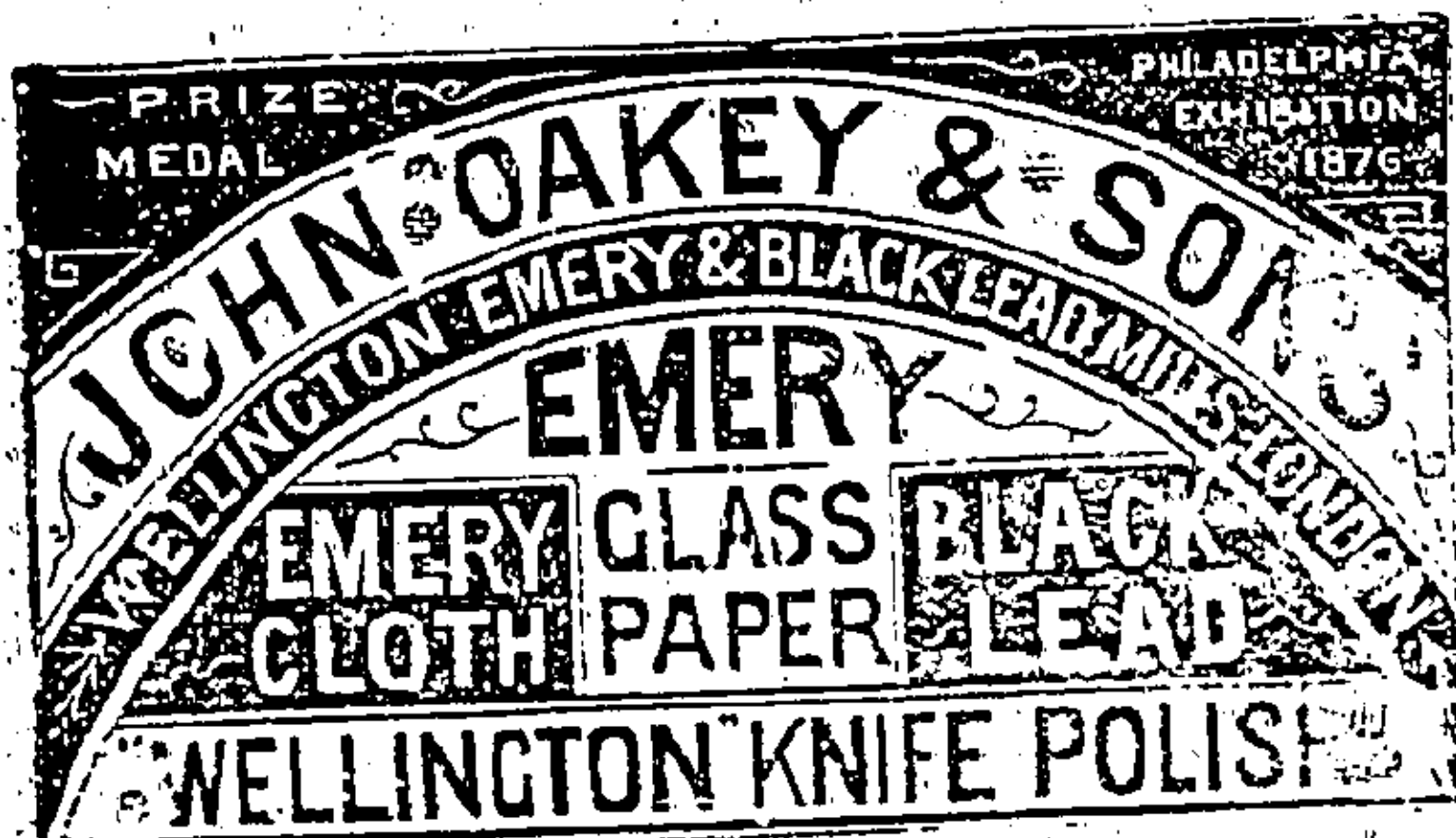
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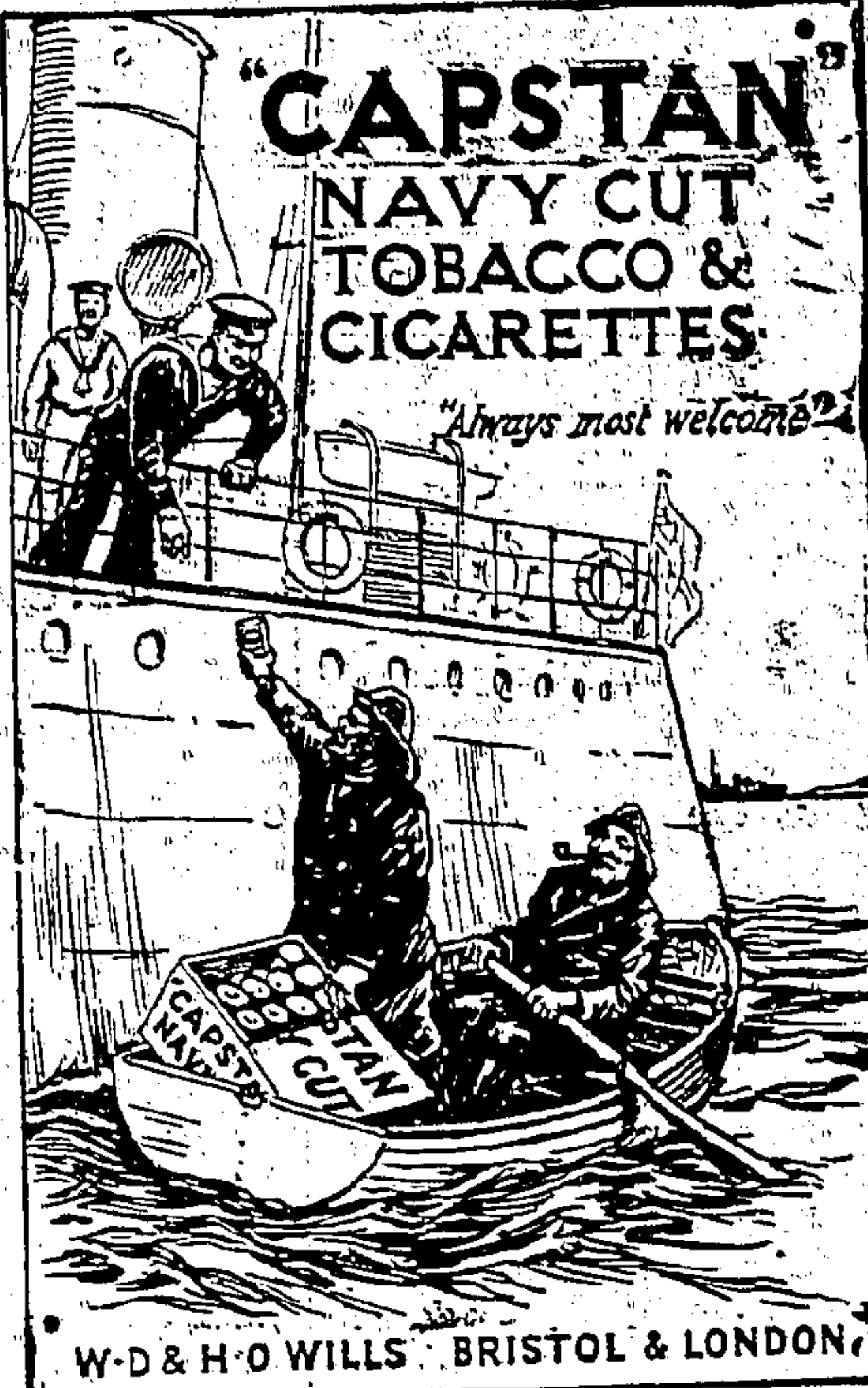
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SALVATION ARMY'S NEW SCHEME.

The "Widows' Counsellors" of the
Salvation Army have already begun their
new work of assisting and advising widows
and their children in accordance with a
carefully-thought-out and practical plan,
and in an interview General Booth stated
that the Public Trustee had volunteered to
co-operate with them in the scheme."Many of the widows of whom we are
thinking," said General Booth, "are small
properties, regarding the manage-
ment and disposal of which they require
reliable advice. The Public Trustee has
kindly consented to perform this portion
of the work. He will also act as a lib-
erator for any widows who may desire
to leave their property to their
children during the latter's minority, and
he will require assistance for those who
need legal counsel."The chief object of "The Widows'
Counsellors" is not to bring about the
emigration of widows to the overseas
Dominions. The main object was to pre-
serve the family life of the widowed
woman at the highest standard possible, and
to keep their homes intact at all costs. They
sought to help the widow in a perma-
nent way—to extend the helping hand before any
displacement of the home took place, not
to migrate her misery with her when
acute distress had befallen her.

EMIGRATION PROSPECTS.

"At the same time," added General
Booth, "many women are fully alive to
the possibility that their lot in one more
of the overseas Dominions, where
the death of women and their families
is one of the great disabilities under which
the younger communities labour, and are
desirous of crossing the seas both for their
own sakes and for the sake of their
children. We are no longer to dis-
courage them from their purpose,
especially as we have ample proof of the
success of others who have already taken
this step."It is not inconceivable, in view of the
serious tendency in Imperial development,
that the Salvation Army might be asked
to co-operate in some scheme affecting the
emigration of women, but anything on a
general scale that may be done by us in
regard to the emigration of widows and
their families will be the outcome of
careful deliberation, in which the con-
ditions both at home and the self-governing
Dominions will be fully considered. More-
over, I give the assurance that there will
be no pressure brought to bear on any
widow to induce her to emigrate."As typical of the cases likely to be dealt
with by "The Widows' Counsellors," the
General cited that of a woman with three
children whose husband had been killed in
the war, and who in order to support her-
self and children in comparative comfort—
the pension allowed her being insufficient—
desired to obtain training as a
nursery-maid. With the children to
look after this was impossible unless she
was assisted. So she applied to "The
Counsellors," who had arranged for her to
secure the necessary training. The Army
taking care of her children until such time
as she was qualified to go out nursing.The organization of "The Widows'
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RELIGION.WAR MUST CONTINUE TILL A
REVIVAL TAKES PLACE.At a meeting of the R.F.C.K. held in
Birkenhead recently, the following letter
from Sir David Beatty was read:—"May I say that your society is doing
as much to bring the war to a successful
conclusion as any society.
Surely the Almighty God does not intend
this war to be just a hideous farce, a
bloody, drunken orgy. There must be
purpose in it all; improvement must be
born out of it.""In what direction France has already
shown us the way. She has risen out of
her materialism, and her revived reli-
gious, which is most wonderful."
"Russia has been welded into a whole,
and religion plays a greater part."
"England still remains to be taken
out of the stupor of self-indulgence and
complacency in which her great and
flourishing condition has steeped her, and
until she can be stirred out of this condi-
tion, and until religious revival takes
place at home, just so long will the war
continue."When she can look out on the future
with humble eyes and a prayer on her
lips, then we can begin to count the days
towards the end. Your society is helping
to this end, and helping to bring the war
to an end, a successful end, and without
success it cannot end.The London Daily News has this
following comment on the letter:—Admiral Sir David Beatty's letter to the
Birkenhead R.F.C.K. meeting is one more
of the many in which the remarkable depth of
his religious feeling in the sailor. It seems
really to be incidental to the profession, at
any rate so far as his better minds are
concerned, no doubt for the excellent
reason suggested by the Admiral, "These
men see the 'God' in the Lord, and His
will in the 'God'." Nearly all the
great sailors of history have shown a
similar spirit. Nelson had it; so had
Drake and Raleigh, in their way. Even
so, it is curious that an utterance more
instructive, with profound spiritual feeling
than any made during the war should come
from a young Admiral. Sir David Beatty
is only about 41.[By next spring our superiority in men
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turns to thoughts of love;
Not, however, when a helmet glistens on
the Kaiser's brow, or a young man's fancy
turns to thoughts of war—
To the triumph of the cause that our land
is fighting for!In the spring, the Entente's armies, shall,
by growing millions backed,
Show the waving banners of Kultur how the
Teuton must be crushed.
Then shall Britain, France, and Russia,
Grip the cracker's hand, and listen to the
crashing of the shell!With that shell crashed completely by
the man behind the gun,
Lend shall be the lamellations of the
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Who devised it, never dreaming that the
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—Daily Chronicle.

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A FAMILY NECESSITY.

FAMILY medicine should be provided with
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Soreness may be cured in much less time
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INTIMATIONS

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANU-
FACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.THE 31st ORDINARY ANNUAL
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
in the above COMPANY will be held at
the COMPANY'S OFFICE, 8, GOSWELL
STREET, CHATER ROAD, VICTORIA,
SATURDAY, the 25th March, 1916, at
11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the
purpose of receiving a Statement of
Accounts and the Report of the General
Managers for the year ending 31st
December, 1915, and electing a Cauding
Committee and Auditors.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COM-
PANY will be CLOSED from MONDAY,
the 20th March to SATURDAY, the 25th
March, 1916, both days inclusive.SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 11, 1916.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANU-
FACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an
Extraordinary General Meeting of
THE HONGKONG ROPE MANU-
FACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED will be
held at 8, GOSWELL STREET, CHATER
ROAD, VICTORIA, in the Colony of Hongkong,
on the 25th day of March, 1916, at 11.45 o'clock in the forenoon when
the Subjoined Extraordinary Resolution
will be proposed:—That the Articles of Association of the
Company be altered in manner following:—
(a) That after the word "Company" in
the 10th line of Article 110 the
following words shall be added:—
"The General Managers may also
with the consent of the Consulting
Committee pay such bonus or
bonuses as the General Managers
shall think fit."(b) That the words "Bonus or Bonuses"
shall be inserted immediately after
the word "Dividend" in the 18th line
of Article 110.(c) That the words "and bonuses" shall
be inserted immediately after the
word "Dividend" in the first line of
Article 115.Should the above Resolution be passed by
the requisite majority, it will be submitted
for confirmation at a Special Resolution to
a further Extraordinary General Meeting
which will be subsequently convened.
Dated this 11th day of March, 1916.SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
General Managers.

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HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,
LIMITED.THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS will be held at the Office of
the General Managers at 11.30 a.m. on
TUESDAY, 28th instant (to receive a
Statement of the Company's Accounts to
31st December, 1915 and the report of the
General Managers).The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 14th to
23rd instant both days inclusive.JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 8, 1916.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
will be held at the Office of the Under-
signed at Noon on TUESDAY, the 28th
instant.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 14th to
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General Managers.Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, March 2, 1916.CHINA SUGAR REFINING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHARE-
HOLDERS of the above Company will be
held at the Office of the General Agents,
Pedder's Street, on WEDNESDAY, the
29th March at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose
of receiving the Report and Statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st
December, 1915.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 14th to
23rd March, both days inclusive.JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 2, 1916.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHARE-
HOLDERS of the above Company will be
held at the Office of the General Agents,
Pedder's Street, Hongkong, on FRIDAY,
the 31st March, 11.30 a.m. for the purpose
of receiving the Report and Statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st
December, 1915.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 18th to
31st March, both days inclusive.

THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

BRITISH VICTORY IN EAST AFRICA.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORT FROM GENERAL SMUTS.

LONDON, Mar. 13. General Smuts, Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in East Africa, in a telegram dated March 12th, says the action which commenced on the morning of the 11th inst. against the German prepared positions in the Kiboko Hills, westward of Taveta, resulted in a most obstinate struggle with wavering fortunes till daylight.

The densely wooded and steep hills were strongly held by the enemy, the most formidable obstacles being portions of positions which were taken and retaken several times.

The final attack with the bayonet was delivered between 9 p.m. and midnight. Two parties, led by Lieut.-Colonel Erskine and Major Thompson of the South African Infantry, secured a hold which they maintained till they were reinforced the following morning, when the German native troops were seen streaming away towards Kiboko in a south-westerly direction.

Simultaneously one of the Scouts mounted brigades was engaged in clearing the foothills north-east of Kilimanjaro of the enemy forces which had been cut off from the main body by the rapid British advance on the 8th, 9th and 10th. Movements are progressing to bar the retreat of these isolated forces westward.

Concurrently with the above actions a strong column under Major-General Stewart from the direction of Longido appeared on the Arusha-Moshi road, in the rear of the main German concentration. The enemy is consequently retreating southwards towards the Usambara railway. The pursuit continues.

THE POSITION OF BULGARIA. INTERESTING STATEMENT BY PREMIER.

ATHENS, Mar. 13. A Sofia telegram states that Dr. Radoslawoff, President of the Council, declared in the "Stribor" that he would not oppose the establishment of an autonomous Albania. He was ignorant of what would happen to Serbia. Bulgaria was not closely related with either of her neighbours. The agreement with Turkey could tomorrow become only a scrap of paper.

BRAZIL AND GERMAN SHIPS.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Mar. 13. The Cabinet is considering the question of chartering German vessels.

THE NEW BRITISH ARMY.

A MILLION RECRUITS IN FOUR DAYS.

LONDON, Mar. 14. Mr. Tennant, Under-Secretary for War, in the course of a debate in the House of Commons paid a tribute to the wonderful discipline of the men of the new Army considering their short term of training. A million recruits had been enlisted in four days under Lord Derby's scheme. Bachelors employed in munition making and all other national industries would be reduced to a minimum. The Government would see that the married men were not "let down." He dwelt upon the enormous development of the Army mentioning as an instance that the stores created since the outbreak of the war would have lasted in normal times 140 years. He emphasised the means of the system of purchases on behalf of all the Allies.

FIGHTING ON THE FRENCH FRONT.

NO FURTHER INFANTRY ACTION IN VERDUN REGION.

PARIS, Mar. 14. To-day's communiqué states: North of Verdun the bombardment had been intensified west of the Meuse against Mort Homme and in the region of Bois de Bourrus. Our batteries shelled enemy gatherings between Forges and Coudun wood.

There has been moderate artillery activity on the right of the Meuse and in Woevre, but there was no infantry action during the day. The Germans attacked the trenches we recently recaptured east of Sepsis, in upper Alsace, but our artillery and infantry fire quickly drove them back to their trenches.

Our artillery north of the Aisne worked enemy organisations at several points on the Vandœuvre plateau.

Heavy guns bombarded German works in Champagne and Eastern Argonne.

ACTIONS IN THE AIR.

Our aviators were remarkably active to-day. Six machines dropped 150 bombs on the strategic station of Breuille, north of Verdun. Numerous actions were fought in which we indisputably had the advantage. Three German aeroplanes were brought down and others were seen to be falling, but their destruction has not been verified.

PARIS, Mar. 14. To-day's communiqué says: West of the Meuse the cannonade has been fairly violent during the night.

A strong German reconnaissance in Handreumont Wood was checked by our curtain of fire.

The bombardment continued violent at Vaux and Damour, as also did the artillery activity in Woevre, notably in the sector of Eix.

The Germans attempted an attack at Bois-le-Prete, but it was dispersed by our rifle-fire, and the enemy left a number of dead behind.

ENEMY'S MASSED ARTILLERY AT VERDUN.

WHOLE GERMAN PLAN WRECKED.

LONDON, Mar. 13. A German artillery observation officer among the prisoners taken at Verdun says that originally the German artillery was massed en bloc, and everyone was convinced that Verdun would crumble into dust; but gradually the French shells poured on the massed artillery compelling it to disperse, and wrecking the whole German plan.

ACTIVITY ON BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Mar. 14. General Sir Douglas Haig reports that the enemy exploded mines at Carnoy and near the La Bassée-Bethune road, but no damage was done.

We successfully bombarded the region of the Mametz-Lilla Arras-tiers railway and Hooge. There has been considerable artillery activity about Loos and considerable aerial activity on both sides. Thirty-two hostile machines were engaged and three were brought down.

BRITISH MILITARY APPOINTMENTS.

LONDON, Mar. 14. Major-General Heath, Director of Quartering, has been appointed Deputy Quartermaster-General. Colonel Atkins, Deputy Director of Supplies, has been appointed Temporary Director in place of Major-General Long.

IRELAND AND MUNITION-MAKING.

GREATER FACILITIES URGED.

LONDON, March 13. A deputation of Irish businessmen-headed by Mr. John Redmond, waited upon Mr. Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, to urge greater facilities for munition making in Ireland and the equipment of national shell and fuse factories. The deputation declared that the Trade Unions would help the work.

Mr. Lloyd George replied that he was anxious to utilise the reserves in Ireland to the utmost, but it could not be ignored that the miter of Ireland was not industrial country. He pointed out that Belfast's contribution to the conduct of the war was second to none in the United Kingdom. He was not sanguine enough to hope that the war would be ended before July and therefore he could not make plans for delivery of machinery on such an assumption. There was no reason why Ireland should not become more prosperous industrially. He would seize the opportunities afforded by munition-making for industrially developing Ireland.

The Deputation agreed to form a permanent committee to make definite suggestions to the ministry of munitions.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

THE YUNNAN REVOLT.

PEKING, March 14. The Governor of Szechuen, Chun Yee, and two of the Generals propose an amicable settlement with the Yunnan rebels. Owing to a report that large reinforcements are coming from Yunnan, via Chintoon, to Jinchow, the Government has ordered all the armies to take precautions.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

CANADA'S SACRIFICE.

LONDON, March 14. A Toronto telegram states that the total of Canadian casualties is 13,368.

WAR COMMITTEES TO CONFER.

LONDON, March 14. The Unionist and Liberal War Committees confer for the first time to-day in view of the debate on the Army Estimates.

DIRECTOR OF SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT RESIGNS.

LONDON, March 13. Major-General S.S. Long has resigned the Directorship of Supplies and Transport, a position which he has held since 1914.

The Daily Express states that Major-General Long resigned at the request of Mr. Lloyd George.

AN OVERSEAS MISSION.

LONDON, March 14. Brigade General Minchin has undertaken a special mission overseas.

PROMINENT INVALIDS.

LONDON, March 14. Mr. Austen Chamberlain is still confined to his room with an attack of influenza. Lord Curzon, who was operated upon for a broken arm, is improving.

THE MEXICAN REBELLION.

AMERICAN EXPEDITION ENTERS MEXICO.

NEW YORK, March 14. The newspaper report that a punitive expedition, under Brigadier Pershing, has entered Mexico. The War Department is silent, but it is announced that three cavalry regiments have been ordered to the border.

RAIDING ENEMY SEAPLANE.

DRIVEN OFF BEFORE REACHING ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 14. The German seaplane which was sighted off North Foreland at noon on Sunday did not reach land, British aeroplanes chasing the seaplane seaward.

TURKEY SEEKING PEACE.

HEIR APPARENT URGED TO INTERCEDE.

ATHENS, March 14. A letter from Constantinople states that a numerous signed memoir begs the Heir Apparent to urge the Sultan to change the Government with a view to concluding a separate peace with the Entente.

MARRIED MEN PROTEST.

DEMAND THAT ALL SINGLE MEN BE FIRST CALLED UP.

LONDON, March 14. Large protest meetings of married men, which were held in Coventry, Leicester, Sheffield and Wigan yesterday, passed resolutions demanding that all single men should be called up before the married men are summoned.

It is understood that a Cabinet Committee is considering the matter. It has been decided to delete large batches of industries from the starred lists, and to eliminate the single men in other trades.

EFFECT OF VERDUN AT BERLIN AND BUDAPEST.

LIKE MEN IN DREAMS.

LONDON, March 14. The Morning Post correspondent at Budapest states that there is considerable uneasiness in consequence of the disappointing results of the German offensive at Verdun.

A Hungarian journalist resident in Berlin says that he has never seen the Berlin people in anything like their present mood. They walk the streets wrapped in thought, like men in dreams.

Everything is being sacrificed to Verdun. Austrian heavy guns have been removed from the Italian front and the Russian front has been weakened. Reinforcements are continually moving westward.

Military circles in Budapest declare that an extra million men will be required for the whole of the Western front in consequence of the Verdun effort.

GERMAN CLAIMS.

AMSTERDAM, March 14.

A Berlin communiqué claims that since the beginning of events in the Meuse district the Germans have captured 130 officers, 28,240 men, 159 guns and 32 machine-guns.

HOW GERMANS COUNT THEIR PRISONERS.

PARIS, March 14.

A semi-official announcement states that the German method of counting the prisoners at Verdun is based on the principle of a stage army.

La Matin states that the German losses at Verdun were 200,000.

WAR COUNCIL OF THE ALLIES.

PARIS, March 14.

The great War Council of all the Allies met at General Joffre's headquarters.

RESTRAINT OF PRINCIPLES.

LORDS' DECISION ON WAR RISK INSURANCE APPEAL.

Lords Loreburn, Atkinson, Shaw, Parke, and Wrenbury recently delivered judgment in the House of Lords in the case of British and Foreign Marine Insurance Co., Ltd., v. Samuel Sanday and Co., the question raised being whether the respondents are entitled to recover £44,800 in respect of a marine insurance policy.

They insured with the appellants two cargoes from River Plate ports to Ham-burg, but while the vessels were on the voyage war broke out and the ships were by order diverted to Liverpool and the other in Glasgow. At these ports the cargoes were discharged and stored.

The respondents then gave notice to the insurance company that they had been damaged by the war and claimed the sum insured for constructive total loss of the goods by arrests and restraint of princes was lodged, the respondents intimating that the cargoes were at the disposal of the insurance company.

Mr. Justice Bailhache came to the conclusion that there was a constructive loss of the goods proximately caused by perils insured against. By a majority the Court of Appeal upheld this judgment, and the insurance company appealed to the House of Lords.

Their lordships unanimously dismissed the appeal with costs.

THE SHIPPING COMMITTEE.

The following are the members of the Committee, presided over by Lord Curzon, which was recently appointed to advise the Government on the allocation of shipping tonnage to the best advantage: Lord Falkland.

One of the New Year poems. Is better known as Sir Alexander Henderson, chairman of the Great Central Railway. He recently visited the neutral countries adjacent to Germany to ascertain for the Government the amount of trade leakage through those countries to the enemy.

Mr. Thomas Borden. Eldest son of Sir Thomas Borden. Is a well-known Liverpool shipowner and deputy chairman of the Cunard Company.

Mr. F. W. Lewis. Deputy chairman of Messrs. Furness, Whyte and Co.

A LIFE SAVER.

It is said to say that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has saved the lives of more people and relieved more suffering than any other remedy in existence. It is known all over the world for its speedy relief of all the commonest diseases and all in actual pain.

For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

THE COMMONPLACE BOOK OF A CHRONICLER.

A JAPANESE TRAGEDY.

A tragedy recently occurred in a wealthy family in Awa. It was of a type common to nearly every country in Asia, but has had very uncommon results. Here is the tale reduced from the accounts given at the time at great length on the notorious "third page" of the Japanese papers, and told here "without prejudice."

The heroine of the story was Aiko, the daughter of Mr. Doi Yoshio, President of the Kuchiyogawa Bank. She was educated at the Yuhgaku Girls' High School, Osaka, and while there lived with Mrs. Adzuma, a well-known teacher in the Umada Girls' High School. In December 1913, being then 20 years old, she was betrothed to Kawanami Shikuro, 27 years old, the son of Mr. Kawanami Mokichi, commonly reputed to be the richest man in Awa. In February 1914 the marriage was performed at an hotel in Maiko, and Aiko went to live in Shidzaki-machi, not only with her husband, but, more Japanese style, his father and mother, three sisters (one of them widowed) and two brothers. Here, in the following December, she gave birth to a daughter.

So far the plain record of facts, which can be easily verified and are therefore not in dispute. The Japanese papers only say the mother-in-law and the widowed sister-in-law of continual harsh treatment of the young bride—but that is so common a feature of the Asiatic marriage that it may be nothing in itself. It is alleged, however, that the husband was entirely under the domination of his mother, did nothing to mitigate the severity of the treatment and did not even show signs of deploring it. When the baby arrived, it is alleged, the older sister, though there were not the slightest grounds for such an accusation, declared that it must be the fruit of some pre-nuptial connexion—a charge which greatly distressed the young mother.

To add to her troubles of poor Aiko, her father was stricken by a chronic of financial irregularities connected with the bank, and died while under examination. Aiko went to the funeral, and on her return to her father-in-law's house, was so overwhelmed with continual reproaches that she went back to her mother. Once more she came to Awa, but the mother and sister refused to let her into the house or to see her husband. With her baby she made her way to Osaka, where an uncle received her into his house. Here she lived for some time, but on December 1st, with her year-old child, she left the house without the knowledge of the others living there. She appears to have had the intention of once more seeing whether she could resume her proper position as the wife of Shikuro, but at 2 o'clock in the morning, her courage failing, she jumped overboard with her baby from the Toyama-maru, off Wada, the bodies being recovered many miles apart during the following days.

Of course, this latter part of the story must be taken with all the reserve due to the very unreserved "third page" reports. There may be an Awa version which would put a different complexion on it. Exactly the same sort of thing has, however, very frequently happened, and such cases seem to be the outcome of the abuse of the term "Shikun" and of the wife's obedience. Ordinarily the public exhibits no more sympathy than the mother-in-law, but in this case the victim, before her tragic act, wrote a long and pitiful letter telling of her woes—after her death, she appeared in the Awa Shimshu under the pseudonym "Shikun." The family being so prominent and the tragedy and its reputed cause so notorious, all the papers copied the letter, commented on it, and published other letters upon it from readers.

A popular story thus set going, it has accumulated details like an avalanche. It is the theme of the novelist, the dramatist, and the "movies." All sorts of apocryphal incidents are interpolated, such, for instance, as the discovery of a younger brother-in-law, and of forcing the guilty family safe, his prayers that his guilt be not disclosed, his flight on footstools approaching, and the young wife, discovering in front of the broken safe, and accused of the theft, taking flight and reproaches in a pathetic silence, and so on. In Kobe the drama can be seen at the Aiois; it is going strong at a Kyoto cinematograph, and, in fact, it is said to have spread all over the country.

Things move quickly by mechanical aid nowadays, but this, no doubt, is the manner in which many a famous romance has sprung up. Witness, for instance, the difference between Mitford's simple relation of the Forty-seven Ronin and the development of the tale into the elements of a stock drama in that it is a case typical of the country—or rather of the continent—and illustrates a popular awakening to a great social injustice, which is removed from its origin that the family will not be regarded as the responsible culprits, but in the meantime it is decidedly uncomfortable for the Kawanamis if the tale was really hysterical or unbalanced.

However all that have got, but they may think it equally fair that they should be selected by fate for obloquy, when just the same thing happened without attracting notice to so many young wives. That it was fate which decided it there is evidence which is popularly accepted without the tragedy a large sailing ship belonging to the Kawanamis foundered off Suma in their weather for no apparent reason save that it was passing the spot where Aiko's body was recovered. Japan Chronicle.

IS CAKE A LUXURY?

Will the confectioner's shop survive the war? Owners of small suburban shops, says a London paper, are certainly watching with increasing anxiety the recommendations to save.

"Within the last few days there has been a distinct change," said a suburban baker recently. "People who usually order a sultana cake, several small pastries, tea cakes, and so on, for the week-end, now call and order altogether and also asked for a greatly curtailed supply. Many of my customers regard cake as a luxury. It has been bad enough since the war started, but if the Sunday tables are to be soased and bread and margarine are to be soased and up shop."

A doctor gave the opinion that a simple, home-made cake containing good ingredients was not a luxury, especially for the nursery, but he added that if the cakes and biscuits were certainly unnecessary.

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